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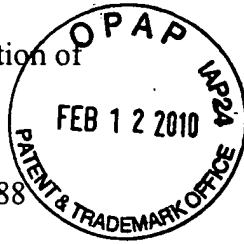
In re Patent Application of

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed February 2, 2010 states that the Amendment/Response filed September 23, 2009 is non-compliant because "Claim 9 filed 9/23/09 is identified as 'currently amended'; however, the immediate previous version filed 6/8/09 is identified as 'withdrawn'; therefore the current status identifier of claim 9 is incorrect."

Applicant has made the appropriate correction to claim 9. Applicant has attached a corrected Amendment, including corrected claim 9 (i.e., adding a status identifier of Withdrawn - Currently Amended).

Applicant thus requests a next Office Action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions or believes that an interview would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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